

ROTARY CLUB OF PARRAMATTA CITY Inc. DISTRICT 9675

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Rotary Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test challenges Rotarians, in everything they do, to ask of themselves:

Of the things we say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Meeting 10th September 2018

Our Toast

International director Phil Brophy proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of New York, which has 200 leading international businessmen and women who meet weekly to advance the interest of New York City. Founded in 1909, the club is the six oldest in the Rotary International organisation. The club meets every Tuesday for lunch at the Princeton Club, 15 West 43rd Street. Members have frequent tennis and golf tournaments, travel and golf functions.

Our Guest

Our guest was Timothy Lelo, born in Suva, Fiji, almost 92 years ago, father of Glenys, his first daughter, who is married to our own Bob Rosengreen. They are pictured here with Timothy's first granddaughter, Bree.



Police Officer of the Year

The Police Officer of the Year (POOTY) night at the Novotel Parramatta on 30th July was successful. Treasurer Barry said the receipts for the dinner were \$10,739 and the costs \$11,728, resulting in a loss of \$989, which would have to be shared between the three Parramatta Rotary Clubs i.e. \$330 each. This was not unusual. Last year each club had had to pay \$323 to make up the loss. The loss this year was reduced by sponsorship which gave us pre-dinner drinks. The money we received over and above the dinner was \$9,960 from donations and \$2,570 from the raffle conducted on the night. That meant there was a total of \$12,530 to be shared between the PCYC and Police Legacy. There was another amount of \$300 from sale of plants donated by Bunnings which was in dispute. John Stamboulie said that on the night, there were up to 20 guests on the night, including 15 nominees for the awards. But a number of officials had paid the fee. John Stamboulie said there were continuing negotiations over details of the donations to PCYC and the date for the handover of the cheque had not been worked out but it was likely to be soon, with a number of Rotarians, police and PCYC officials present. Organisation of the event was being handled by PCYC.

Working with Children Checks

The club has been reminded from District that every Rotarian has to have a current Working with Children clearance. The clearance has to be renewed every five years. Secretary Joy has been asked to do the checks for members. The checks can be done on-line. Phil Brophy said we needed to know of anyone who had not filled out a Working with Children check.

New Rotary Clubs

PDG Barry said that a new Rotary club was being chartered at Gregory Hills, near Camden, with 30 members, on 21st November and a new Rotary club was being formed in Bankstown, where the previous Rotary club had folded.

Paul Harris Awards

PP Natalie Cowell said she had six Paul Harris Awards which had not been presented to the recipients. The recipients were Dane, Matthew and Natalie Antees, Felicity Stehower, Jenny Towe and Mary Stamboulie. PDG Barry said he would handle three of them.

Fees

PDG and club treasurer Barry said four members had not yet paid their fees for the year.

Graffiti Removal Day

PDG Barry said Graffiti Removal Day would be Sunday, 21st October.

The Fortnightly Meetings

The club board, which met on 11th September, is still assessing the fortnightly meeting concept. Reports back are that the food is good but it should all come at the same time. John Stamboulie said some people might like to belong to the club but once a fortnight was more to their liking. Phil Brophy said he liked the idea of a shorter meeting.

Malcolm's Sing Song

President Malcolm said he would be absent, on a Sydney Welsh Choir tour of Victoria, from 11th to 22nd October. He would miss the meeting on 22nd October. As no President Elect has yet been appointed, it will have to be decided who is to chair the meeting.

End Polio Now

PDG Barry said the drive for Rotarians to collect money at railway stations on 28th September for the final drive to rid the world of this scourge. It would be from 7 to 9 am. The board decided that each of the three Parramatta Rotary Clubs should provide two volunteers for the day.

Rotarians are to be invited to a charity screening of *Bohemian Rhapsody* on 1st November. President Malcolm has undertaken to organise the event.

Australian Rotary Health - A Night for Researchers

PDG Barry said the event would be on 25th October at Dooley's Catholic Club in Lidcombe. John Stamboulie said we might get 50 people on the night but he would try to boost numbers by asking the Chamber of Commerce whether its members would like to be involved.

Australian Rotary Health - Musical Evening

PDG Barry said the club would be going as a group to see *Epiphanies* at the Seymour Centre, Sydney University, on 27th October. He said we should aim to get to the 2 pm session so we could have lunch before or dinner afterwards.

The Waterline Challenge

PDG Barry said the Waterline Challenge would be from 12th to 18th November. It was an Australia-wide event designed to raise money to assist those in adversity. The "Challenge" was for participating teams to accumulate sufficient kilometres so they could have circumnavigated Australia's entire coast line in the week. Barry said money would go to such causes as ROMAC. PP Natalie will be asked to see what sponsorship we can get.

Christmas Tree Sales

PP Phil said the trees were being sold jointly at the Castle Hill Road site with members of the Parramatta Daybreak Rotary Club. Because the share of proceeds was proportional to the number of members from each club who had worked selling Christmas trees, it was important that our club had numbers there. We were short on numbers and perhaps past members could be asked to give some time. PDG Barry said that perhaps we could look at another site for a supplementary sale of trees, and he had spotted a field next to John Cootes Furniture on Woodville Road, which was a highly visible spot south of Parramatta. He suggested that we could sell trees over two weekends there. Details of sales at the main site have yet to be worked out. But the last selling day will be Sunday, 23rd December.

Rotary Foundation News

Did you know that our Club's donation to The Rotary Foundation helped the Foundation raise more than \$414 million last Rotary year? Rotarians are hard at work providing opportunities for

communities that need our help most. That means more clean water, less disease, and hope for a peaceful world.

Poignant Pictures



“We only have one motor cycle folks, so we may as well use it!”

For Your Diaries

20th September. A Destiny Rescue presentation at ARH Offices, Parramatta

24nd September. Club meeting, Coffee Emporium

28th September. Train campaign for End Polio Now

8th October, Club meeting, Coffee Emporium

11th October. Golf for Research Day at Camden Lakeside Golf Club.

13th October. Holroyd Rotary Expo.

21st October. Graffiti Removal Day.

20th – 28th October. Invictus Games.

22nd October. Club meeting, Coffee Emporium.

25th October. Annual Research Dinner for ARH at Dooleys Club, Auburn.

27th October. Musical Theatre Gala Concert.

1st November. Screening of The Bohemian Rhapsody

12th November. Club meeting, Coffee Emporium.

12th -18th November. Waterline Challenge.

26th November. Rotary Foundation Dinner.

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